

# Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

September 15, 2019

## Locations

### Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street  
Gardner, MA 01440



### Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

## Contact Us

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Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm



You can scan this QR Code to quickly access our website.



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” - Lk 15:7b

**Safety Environment Notice:** Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Dioceses of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508) 929-4393.

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### Masses at Holy Rosary

Saturday	4:45 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.

### Masses at Holy Spirit

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.
	(Spanish) 12:00 p.m.
Tues, Thurs	7:30 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary: Saturday	3:15-4:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit: Saturday	3:15-3:45 p.m.

You may also call one of the priests at the Rectory Office to schedule a private appointment for Confession  
978.632.0253

Rev. Stephen Lundrigan ext. 116  
Rev. Miguel Pagan ext. 130

# Welcome to Annunciation Parish

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For those who are new or returning to the parish, we would like to welcome you to our Catholic community. In this bulletin you will find many opportunities to be enriched and involved. If you would like to register as a member or have any questions, call us at 978-632-0253, email us at [office@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:office@annunciationgardner.org), or stop by the Parish Office during the week.

## Annunciation Parish Mission Statement:

*Strengthened by the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent by Christ we seek by worship and service to compassionately meet the corporal and spiritual needs of our parish family and beyond. We desire to warmly welcome the stranger and one another, and together reach a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In doing this, we are committed to the caring and ongoing Christian formation of others by providing opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, and social growth within our faith and local community.*

### Parish Staff

#### Clergy (978) 632-0253

Pastor  
Rev. Stephen Lundrigan Ext. 116

Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Miguel Pagan Ext. 130

Deacons  
Rev. Mr. Stanley Baczewski (978) 855-9805  
Rev. Mr. Martin Beck

Retired Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Arthur Giard

#### Parish Office (978) 632-0253

Business Manager  
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Director of Buildings & Grounds  
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Mr. Donald Cosentino  
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#### Youth Ministry

Mr. Paul Hartin and Jamison LaRoche  
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#### Holy Family Academy (978) 632-8656

Principal  
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Director of Enrollment  
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#### The Caring Place (978) 632-5745

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Mrs. Jane Pineo  
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### From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we hear Jesus tell us about his care for the lost, his concern for the wayward, his desire to reconcile. Jesus is the one who searches for the one sheep that has gone astray, and the one who welcomes back the one who returns. Our parish community should mirror this attitude and behavior of Jesus. We should be searching for those who were members of our community that we have not seen, and invite them back. We need to be the ones who welcome those who come to the steps of our churches and not hold old grudges or the past over them - but like the father in the story of the Prodigal Son - be willing to just forgive, welcome, and move forward as family. This is our calling as a Christian community, this is part of our mission as a Catholic Christian parish. We must continue to rebuild into a strong community to be able to face together what comes ahead.

Last week we had our welcome meeting for the parents at Holy Family Academy. We have a treasure in our school and we've placed in a new Math teacher (our own beloved Deacon Mick, now newly retired), and we'll have an enhanced religion and faith formation program that will be starting for the Middle School. We continue to work, build and address those things that need to be addressed. If you know of anything that we can do to improve, please don't hesitate to let me know. I found out only at the end of the year about a few things that we should've been on top of, we're working on them now - the sooner I know the sooner we can work on it.

We had our first Mass in the Extraordinary Form last weekend. This is the Mass in Latin that was done prior to the Second Vatican Council. It went smoothly, and there were over 75 people in attendance. I spoke to a few of the parishioners who came to check it out - it is something that is different if you are not used to it, but it is increasingly being sought out by some young families. We will hold this Mass weekly at 2:00pm (except for Sept 22 when we have the Mass of Healing). All are welcome to check it out. Worship aids are provided.

This weekend we have our Parish Picnic. I am very encouraged by the response of how many people have purchased tickets for the dinner. We expect a good crowd and invite any who may be on the fence to come on over for as long as you are able (we have the PACC from 12 - 4). More details are in bulletin and website. The committee has done a great job and planned games, musical entertainment, and a great time for all ages. There is also a Mass that will be celebrated at the picnic at 12 noon - as I said before: one stop shopping for a Sunday.

We're in the process of preparing the fiscal year end reports, you'll receive a copy by next month. Also soon to go out is a parish survey. As you may recall, Pastoral Council developed this to get feedback from the whole community to be used in ongoing planning. The construction projects are not forgotten - please be patient (I'm trying hard to be patient myself).

Please take a look at our Fall Faith Formation schedule (available in the back of the churches or on the website). As we learn more about the wisdom of God, as we dig deeper into our faith by doing we become a more powerful instrument in God's hands for the transformation of the world. Let's welcome many people to join us, and all dive into this quest ourselves.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Steve

## at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, September 14	4:45 p.m.	Lawrence E. Morris, 51st Anniversary by his family Alice M. Morris, 1st Anniversary by her family
Sunday, September 15	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Clarence Hebert, 15th Anniversary by his wife and children Eva Girouard by Carmen, Leo and Kids Jeff Fisher, 3rd Anniversary by his family TBD
Monday, September 16	9:00 a.m.	Sally and Don Cormier by Michelle Cormier Anita Boudreau by Joan Cormier
Wednesday, September 18	9:00 a.m.	Gloria LeBlanc by Camille LeBlanc Frances Girouard by her husband Jovide Girouard
Friday, September 20	9:00 a.m.	Simonne Bourque by Mr. & Mrs. Eli Bourque Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Guimond by their grandchildren Cindy and Doris
Saturday, September 21	4:45 p.m.	Laudia Barrieau by Alphonse Vautour Yvonne Mitko by her sister & brother-in-law Doris & William Craigue
Sunday, September 22	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Robert J. Cormier by Kathy and family Edmund LeBlanc, 5th Anniversary by his wife Lillian Roland St. Laurent by Georgette Andrew St. Laurent by Georgette

## at Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, September 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcide and Rita Goguen by Mark and Maureen Nicholson Marie Maillet by Vincent and Doris Maillet
Sunday, September 15	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Clement Thebault by Heather Barber 1st Lt. Ryan Patrick Jones by his parents Elaine and Kevin Jones TBD
Tuesday, September 17	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, September 19	7:30 a.m.	Sheldon & Lydia Smith by Marie Levanti Joseph Levanti Jr. by his wife Marie
Saturday, September 21	4:00 p.m.	Eric Goguen by Mark & Maureen Nicholson Doris Ouellette by her sister Eva
Sunday, September 22	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Doucet by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doucet Cherrie Bourgeois by her family TBD

# Upcoming Events

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## Sunday September 15th

Masses as usual

Noon—4:00p.m. Annunciation Parish Annual Picnic at PACC, 171 Kendall Pond Road, W. Gardner

12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit

2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at Holy Rosary

## Monday September 16th

Coffee Social after 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary

10:00a.m.—11:30a.m. RCIA Meeting at Rectory on Nichols Street

3:00p.m. RCIA at the Rectory on Nichols Street

6:30p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in the Rectory on Nichols Street

6:30p.m.—8:00p.m. Men's Group in the downstairs conference room at Rectory on Nichols Street

## Tuesday September 17th

8:00a.m. Meat Pie Baking at Holy Rosary Church Hall Kitchen

6:30p.m. Bible Study at Holy Rosary Hall

## Wednesday September 18th

6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary

8:00a.m. Meat Pie Baking at Holy Rosary Church Hall Kitchen

## Thursday September 19th

9:00a.m. Faith Sharing Group in Rectory on Lovewell Street

5:30p.m. Curso Biblico (Bible Study) in the Rectory on Nichols Street

6:30p.m. Catechist Meeting in the Rectory on Nichols Street

6:30p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall

7:00p.m. RCIA info night in at the Rectory on Nichols Street

## Friday September 20th

Noon—2:00p.m. Attic Treasures drop-off at door by the rectory

5:00p.m.—7:00p.m. Attic Treasures drop-off in Holy Rosary church hall

## Saturday September 21st

8:30a.m. Catechist Enrichment Day at Holy Spirit Church Hall

9:00a.m.—Noon Attic Treasures drop-off in Holy Rosary church hall

3:15p.m.—3:45p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit

3:15p.m.—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary

6:30p.m.—7:30p.m. Rehearsal for Hispanic Choir at Holy Spirit Church

## Sunday September 22nd

Masses as usual

9:00a.m. GiFT Religious Ed for grades 1-5 at Holy Rosary Hall

11:30a.m. Religious Ed for High School at Holy Rosary Hall

12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit

2:00p.m. Healing Mass at Holy Rosary Church

6:00p.m. Connect Religious Ed for grades 6-8 at Holy Spirit



There will be a **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick** on **Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Church.

This sacrament is more than simply a means to provide comfort to the sick. In the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick the individual is touched by the supernatural power of God and by a special grace is either granted healing of the illness, the strength and courage to endure the difficulties of their illness, or forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God in preparation for meeting the Lord in death. It is suitable for anyone with an illness of the body (such as any infirmity, disability or disease) or of mind (such as depression, addiction or anxiety), or those of advanced years.

## Attic Treasures

Donations for Attic Treasures will be taken on the following dates and times:

### Friday, September 20

12 Noon-2:00 pm

At door by the rectory

5:00-7:00 pm

(best time for trucks to drop off)

In the church hall

### Saturday, September 21

9:00 am—12 Noon

In church hall

- Items will be reviewed to determine if they are acceptable to be used for the Bazaar.
- All items should be clean and fully intact (no dirty and/or broken items will be accepted)
- Please package all pieces of an item together
- VHS tapes will not be accepted
- Please consider donations of puzzles, jewelry as well as vinyl records

We thank you for your donations. These items will be used at both the Children's Used Toys and the Attic Treasures at the Bazaar.



It's baking time again!

### MORE BAKING NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER BAZAAR!

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Tues 9/17 & Wed 9/18  
8:00am—Noon at the Holy Rosary Church Hall kitchen.

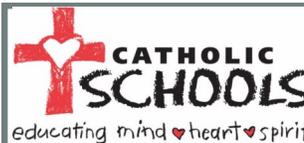
WE NEED FLOUR AND SHORTENING DONATIONS AS WELL! (store brand)

### GRIT & GRACE BOOK CLUB

Our next book will be **The Name of God is Mercy** this book is an interview given by Pope Francis to Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli. Pope Francis explains—through memories from his youth and moving anecdotes from his experiences as a pastor—why “*mercy is the first attribute of God.*” It will be a good opportunity to understand Pope Francis before we explore one of his encyclicals later this year.

This book may easily be borrowed from the public library, or purchased through amazon for under \$10. We do have just a few copies that may be borrowed from the parish.

Our next meeting will be **September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Rectory at Holy Rosary.



Holy Family Academy honors our past, present and future through a true spirit of generosity that nurtures the faith of each child, so that they may grow in “Wisdom, Grace and Strength”. The weekend of **September 28 & 29** is the annual Catholic School Appeal. Representatives of Holy Family Academy will be at the Masses on that weekend. Please consider giving to the Catholic School Appeal and Holy Family Academy.

## Guess what time it is?

### Picnic Time!



### The day has finally arrived for our Annual Parish Picnic!

This fun event begins this Sunday 9/15 at the P.A.C.C. located at 171 Kendall Pond Rd, W. Gardner from Noon till 4:00pm.

The day starts with the celebration of Mass and then fun, food and music!

If you are unable to stay for the entire event, stop in at any time!

If you need transportation to the PACC, please call Eileen O'Shea at 978-632-8671

*We hope to see you there!*



#### OREMUS (LET US PRAY): A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Join us for **OREMUS (Let Us Pray): a Guide to Catholic Prayer**...an 8 part video-assisted series on Prayer will be led by Fr. Steve, Fr. Miguel and Mrs. Sweeney on Wednesday evenings beginning on **Sept 25th and ending Nov 20th from 6:30pm to 8pm** in the lower church hall at Holy Rosary . This series aims to help you respond to God's invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Him through prayer. It can help you to:

- Become more aware of God's presence in your life
- Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer
- Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments
- Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer
- Grow in your relationship with God and those around you.

The suggested donation is \$25 for the participant guide and other handouts, but no one will be turned away due to financial concerns.

### Religious Education will begin for all grades on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Grades 1-5 will meet with their parents for a Gift Session at 9 a.m. at Holy Rosary in the church hall
- High School students will meet at 11:30a.m. at Holy Rosary in the church hall
- Students in grades 6-8 will gather with their parents for a special Connect session at 6 p.m. at Holy Spirit.

If you have not already done so please register this week. You may register through our parish website [annunciationgardner.org](http://annunciationgardner.org) or by picking up a form from the back of church. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mrs. Sweeney in the religious ed office at 978-632-0253 or [religioused@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religioused@annunciationgardner.org)

### Save your empties for us!!

#### HFA Bottle & Can Drive September 21, 9:00 - 1:00

Holy Family Academy will be holding a bottle & can September 21 to benefit the 7th & 8th grade classes. Please save the date and set aside your empties for us!

If you'd like to offload your bottles & cans prior to 9/21, please contact Missy Neseran at [mneseran@yahoo.com](mailto:mneseran@yahoo.com). We will be happy to come pick them up!



Thank you for your support!



Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

#### JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a journey of faith for those who wish to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Catholic church and the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These sessions are appropriate for those who have never been baptized or grew up in a different faith tradition who wish to convert to Catholicism. We also welcome the participation of those Catholics who were baptized but received little to no instruction about the faith when they were children and would like to make their first communion and/or confirmation. We offer sessions for both adults and young people over the age of 7. If God is moving your heart to explore the Catholic Church, please join us for a no commitment info session on **Thursday, Sept 19th at 7:00p.m.** in the Rectory or contact Mrs. Sweeney at 978-632-0253 or [religioused@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religioused@annunciationgardner.org)

## Information on the Sacraments

**Baptism:** If you would like to have your child baptized call Maura Sweeney at (978) 632-0253 Ext. 117, or email [religiously@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religiously@annunciationgardner.org).

**First Communion:** for adults and children over the age of 7. Call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117.

**Confirmation:** call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117.

**Holy Orders:** If you are feeling called to explore a vocation to the priesthood, please contact our diocesan vocations director Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or by phone at 508-340-5788.

**Holy Matrimony:** notify the Church one year in advance. Call the Parish Office at (978) 632-0253 for Marriage Preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** call Fr. Lundrigan at Ext.116 or Fr. Miguel at Ext.130.

## Daily Readings

Sunday September 15

- EX 32:7-11, 13-14
- 1 TM 1:12-17
- LK 15:1-32

Monday September 16

- 1 TM 2:1-8
- LK 7:11-17

Tuesday September 17

- 1 TM 3:1-13
- LK 7:11-17

Wednesday September 18

- 1 TM 3:14-16
- LK 7:31-35

Thursday September 19

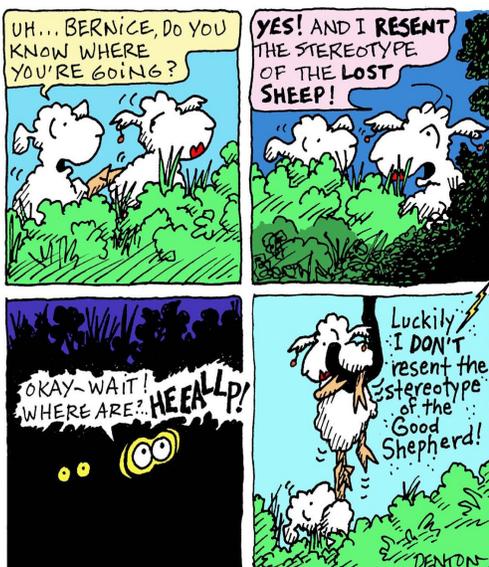
- 1 TM 4:12-16
- LK 7:36-50

Friday September 20

- 1 TM 6:2c-12
- LK 8:1-3

Saturday September 21

- EPH 4:1-7, 11-13
- MT 9:9-13



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“Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep.”

### Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?



### Altar Servers

**Be more actively involved at Mass. Become an Altar Server!**

Any student who has already received their First Communion is eligible to serve as an Altar Server.

Training will begin in early October and will include 3 practice sessions each about 1 hour long. After students have been trained, they will be scheduled to serve at the Mass that their family usually attends.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Miguel Pagan at 978-632-0253 or email at [associatepastor@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:associatepastor@annunciationgardner.org).

### Question of the Week

Question for Adults: When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?

Question for Youth: Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

**Please Pray For:** “Little” Genevieve, Kaylah Samsel, Cammie S., Ron Gonthier, Denise Cormier, Rose LeBlanc, Michelle LeBlanc, Harry, Theresa McKean, Maureen LeBlanc, Riley McGinnis, Mary Biear, Harry, Michael LeBlanc, Leonne Tagen, Chase Daunais, Dennis Dickie, Marcia Roy, Marie Jurgelonis, Etienne, Donna LeBlanc, Angie Perez Ovalle, Al Watts, Henry Cichonski, Kenny Stone, Linda Gray, Louise Flagg, m Larry Butler and Steve Gormley

**If you would like to add a person’s name to the prayer list, please contact Annunciation Parish at (978) 632-0253, ext. 110. Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 consecutive weeks. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to put a name back on the list at the end of these 4 weeks.**

**For other prayers and special intentions, call our Prayer Line at (978) 630-2283. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin and can be passed privately by first name only.**



## We are looking for one more volunteer!

We are looking for one courageous and energetic practicing catholic adult to teach our 7th grade class. These class will learn about Jesus and the Sacraments.

Volunteers will be provided with a curriculum and training. They must love children and be able to commit to teaching approximately 20 classes on Sunday mornings, between September and April. (we always have holiday weekend's off!)

All volunteers will be required to have a CORI background check and participate in safe environment training.

Please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to help with this important ministry and contact Maura Sweeney in the Religious ed office.



Offering of Treasure for	9/01/2019
<b>Annunciation Parish</b>	
<i>Total Regular Envelopes Used</i>	543
Weekly	\$ 8,420.45
Fuel & Energy	\$ 1,009.00
Maintenance	\$ 646.00
Diocesan Campaign—Catholic Schools	\$ 15.00
Diocesan Campaign — World Missions	\$ 10.00
All Souls Day	\$ 50.00
All Saints Day	\$ 10.00
Religious Education	\$ 62.00
Restoration	\$ 55.00
Needy Child	\$ 325.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,602.45</b>

Every day there's another discovery waiting to be made. When you join Cub Scouts, you get hands-on learning that's hands-down awesome!

**Join today!**

**All new Gardner Cub Scout Pack 496**

Contact John at 978-630-3261  
gardnerpack496@gmail.com

Let your journey to adventure begin!



## Need a walker?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a collection of medical equipment available for use. Walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, bed rails, shower chairs, and assorted other equipment are available at no cost. We also accept donations, and are especially in need of shower chairs and transport wheelchairs (no commodes, please). Call the rectory at 978-632-0253 and ask for the St. Vincent de Paul extension.